## Press Release

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## Statement of County Executive David R. Craig Regarding HCEA – Board of Education Tentative Agreement on One-Time Pay Bonus

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig issued the following statement regarding the tentative agreement between the Harford County Education Association (HCEA) and the Board of Education of Harford County regarding the County Executive's one-time pay bonus for teachers:

"I am pleased that the leadership of the Harford County Education Association and the Board of Education of Harford County has come to a tentative agreement regarding the proposed one-time pay bonus to school teachers which I proposed last year. However, it is regrettable that an agreement could not be reached between these parties last month to allow teachers to receive the first half of the proposed pay bonus for the holidays.

As I stated when I first announced the legislation to the County Council for this one-time pay bonus, this was not a pay raise for teachers, county employees, personnel of the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Harford County Library employees or others who qualified for this pay bonus. This is one-time money which the Administration and County Council had agreed to support for our dedicated employees. Without question I believe Harford County Public School teachers are most deserving of this one-time bonus as well.

I look forward to seeing the details of the agreement once it has been approved by the Board of Education, and in working with the County Council to ensure that the bonus can be distributed in the manner in which it was originally intended."

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